



## *Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter*

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### **General Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2013**

Meeting was called to order at 9:10am by President Clem.

Members present: Pete, Dave P., Dennis, Selma, Clem, Lori, Gail, Valle, David Y., Jon, Jill (quorum of 6).

Visitor: Jim Richardson, Soils Scientist, 23 years on National Technical Committee for Wetlands Delineation

Secretary Report: Minutes of March 12, 2013, General Meeting were approved (motion Gail, 2<sup>nd</sup> Valle) passed **unanimously**, they will be posted on our MN Chapter website.

Treasurer Report: There is \$1412 in bank account, one outstanding \$25 check for Earth Day Booth and one \$10 dues to be deposited. \$20 was collected for blue bird nest box sales, given to Pete (Gail delivered boxes).

#### Committees:

Volunteer Services (Citizen Science/Public Outreach): Co-Chairs – Dave and Selma

- The March 6<sup>th</sup> Clark Fork Delta planning meeting minutes were e-mail distributed by Kathy Cousinst to all attendees. This long term citizen science project will need many volunteers
- Pack River Delta field trip May 16 with Kathy Cousins will be a good educational opportunity
- Earth Day booth will be manned by Valle, Dave, Dennis, Clem, and Lori – others are welcome!
- On April 21<sup>st</sup> a flowering rush pull is being organized. (invasive aquatic weed) See our calendar or Sandpoint Online for more details.
- Friends of Scotchman Peaks still needs volunteers for invasive weed identification on trails, POC: Phil Hough.
- The Lightning Creek Treasured Landscape program - ongoing need for volunteers.
- Selma reports that Erin Mader has the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class field trips in May well in hand.
- MBI hosted a leaf litter sorting day March 30, looking for snails and millipedes, it was well attended.

Training/Field trips: Chair – Karen (absent, report by Clem)

- 2013 Class begins this afternoon. 17 Applicants are expected. We will be preparing the room and materials after this meeting. Final Field Trip with Brian Baxter has been confirmed and will be at the Trout Creek WMA. Class schedule is attached.

Communication: Chair – Valle

- Derek's Hager Lake presentation at the Library had about 17 attendees last Saturday. April 13<sup>th</sup> – Clem Yonker and Lori Getts will present their bluebird nest box and kokanee hatchery projects. There is a flyer in the Library and dates will be announced in the Bee and Sandpoint Online. If we have additional programs in the future, let's use the WDC instead of the Library.
- Kestrel Project nest boxes have been built by Pete and volunteers in CDA – will have some at Earth Day
- Please submit articles or pictures for the next quarterly newsletter deadline June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Waterlife Discovery Center: Chair – David Yates (ad hoc committee formed at meeting)

- Ground keeping will begin in May with the CDA volunteers.
- A Committee will be formed and meet to make recommendations about Open House, MN on duty, when to begin,

which days or weekends. We need guidance of WDC rules/hours to post – on dock (swimming/boating/dogs) - from IDFG. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June is National Trails Day- sponsor family guided hikes? More discussion required. Contact David if you would like to be on committee.

- Porta Potty is also a concern.
- At least 2 MN's need to be on duty at same time – safety issues.
- Communications (flyers/posters for campgrounds), Sandpoint Online, etc.

#### Issues:

- Request from Sara to complete online survey – Please make your voice heard and respond.
- 2012 Certifications – hours logged through 30 March have been counted – a graduation party/meeting will be scheduled.
- Should we emphasize certification? Should we be flexible about certification requirements? Hours for continuing/advanced training will carry over (if you have 12 hours one year, 4 could apply to the following year)
- Discussed classification of MN volunteers who have not taken the course, but are professional (resource naturalists) or who just want to volunteer and be associated with the program. Can we develop Honorary Members? Other classification? Time “teaching” could count as “training”? Needs study and additional discussion, but there is broad support.
- Is it possible to have a WDC phone installed? Especially in case of emergency? Needs consideration unless cell phones are available.
- Our Chapter brochure needs updating, pictures, WDC and updated text. In process.
- New IFWF Grant proposal is still due June 1, 2013. Coordination with Idaho Trout Unlimited is ongoing.
- **Next General Meeting will be held Tuesday May 14 at 9:00am at the WDC.**

#### Back Burner Issues:

- Instead of sending out e-mail blasts to all members about activities, please send info to Lori for inclusion on our Web Page Calendar. Please check for new announcements and calendar items on the Chapter website: <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/Lists/Calendar/>
- Is 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday morning still good for Monthly Meetings? Next Meeting will be May 14, 9:00am.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

#### Addendum to minutes:

- Library Presentation – Bluebirds and Kokanee was attended by 14 and was well received.
- Trout Creek WMA has been scouted and will be a great place for the 19 May field trip.
- Earth Day on 20 April was well attended – we sold all 12 bluebird boxes and 3 kestrel boxes. Thanks to all our booth volunteers including Valle, Dave, Dennis, Matt, Clem, Lori.
- Sara Focht will not be visiting in May as expected – maybe later this summer

## Master Naturalist 2013 Training - Class Schedule

Day/Time	Location	Subjects	Instructors	Facilitator	Reading Assignment
04/09/13 1 -5:00pm Tuesday	WDC	Welcome and Introduction to MN Program, outline, requirements, ethics, philosophy, timekeeping, binders, journals, WDC tour/hike	<b>Clem Yonker</b> , IDMN <b>Pete Gardner</b> , IDFG <b>Lori Getts</b> , IDMN	Clem	
4/11/13 1 -5:00pm Thursday	WDC	Nature of Naming Native Plants	<b>Derek Antonelli</b> , IDFG	Clem	
4/16/13 1 -5:00pm Tuesday	WDC	Ecological Concepts Ecosystem Management	<b>Dr. Dan Leavell</b> , Retired Forest Service	Don	
4/18/13 1-5:00pm Thursday	WDC	Intro to Local Geology – volcanism, mountain building processes, land forms, major rock groups, etc., Ice Age Floods	<b>Jon Bair</b> , Earth Science Educator	Clem	
4/20/13 9:00am to 3:30pm Saturday	Field Trip Clark Fork, Hope, etc.,	Geology Field Trip - All Master Naturalists are invited	<b>Jon Bair</b> , Earth Science Educator	Clem	
4/23/13 1- 5:00pm Tuesday	WDC	Ichthyology, aquatic ecology, and Fishery Management	<b>Jim Fredericks</b> , IDFG	Pete/ Dennis	
04/25/13	Thursday	No Class Today			
4/30/13 1 -5:00pm Tuesday	Wildlife Ed Center, Fairgrounds	Mammals	<b>Wayne Wakkinen</b> , IDFG	Jan G.	
05/02/13 1 -5:00pm Thursday	WDC	Entomology - insects	<b>Dr. Ed Bechinski</b> (Prof. U of I, Moscow)	Jon	
5/7/13 1 -5:00pm Tuesday	WDC	Ornithology	<b>Carrie Hugo</b> , BLM	Pete/ Dennis	
05/09/13	Thursday	No Class today			
5/14/13 1-5:00pm Tuesday	WDC	Forest Ecology and Management  Local Forest History	<b>Chris Schnepf</b> , U of I Extension Educator <b>Bill Love</b> , Retired Dept of Lands	Don  Jon	
5/16/13 1-5:00pm Thursday	WDC	Wetlands Ecology (Field trip to Cocolalla or Pack River Delta)	<b>Kathy Cousins</b> , IDFG	Derek/ Clem	
5/19/13 Sunday 9:00am-2:00pm	Trout Creek, Pack River Flats WMA	Field Trip – NW Rockies: Flora; Fauna; Footprints; Fur; and Feathers All Master Naturalists are invited	<b>Brian Baxter</b> , Silver Cloud Associates LLC, Forest, Water, Wildlife Education	Clem/ Lori	